

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 49

January 11, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces, from 60 to 30, the number of days from the date of the police report a law enforcement agency has to send a sexual assault evidence collection kit to the state crime lab or other similar qualified laboratory.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-13-519 entitles each victim of a sexually oriented crime to a forensic medical examination, which results in a sexual assault evidence collection kit. The healthcare provider conducting the examination must release the resulting kit to the appropriate law enforcement agency. Once the victim makes a police report, the law enforcement agency has 60 days from the date of the report to send the kit to the state crime lab or other similar qualified laboratory for either serology or DNA testing.
- The proposed legislation requires the law enforcement agency to submit the kit within 30 days, rather than within 60 days.
- Reducing the timeframe to submit the kits by 30 days will not significantly impact law enforcement agencies' operations. Any increase in workload can be accomplished with existing personnel and resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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